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C1A, BOUGANVILLE ISLAND (UPDATE). One of the users of the Southeastern Cluster Group called the DXCC Desk February 11th, and asked if C1A, Bouganville, was being considered for new country status. Don Search's, W3AZD, reply was "NO WAY". It was also reported (but unconfirmed), that the Solomon government has requested the Australian government to remove one of their citizens who is operating from Bouganville illegally.

EARTHWINDS (BALLOON TRIP AROUND THE WORLD!). Bill Armstrong, spokesman for the Earthwinds team, announced departure from the Loral Airdock in Akron, Ohio, was postponed Friday the 14th, because of weather related problems. They will try again on the 18th or 19th. They still plan to operate a beacon on board (provided they have ample power available) on 28.303 MHz.

F0/C, CLIPPERTON ISLANDS. Good News! Mike, N9NS, one of the operators of F00CI was heard saying things are a go and they will be leaving February 29th for the island.

OZ, ON 160 METERS. Morten, OZ1FTE, informs OPDX that Denmark will have permission to operate on 160 meters April 1st. They will be able to work SSB from 1830-1850 kHz and CW from 1820-1850 kHz. When a planned move of the Danish Coast Radio on 1813 kHz takes place, Morten states they will have access down to 1810 kHz. Morten has received special permission to be active in the ARRL DX CW and SSB Contest on 1820 to 1850 kHz with 500 watts.

SV/A MOUNT ATHOS. (ed. I am ready to give up reporting on this one!) Last week we reported that Denny, GW3CDP, stated the problem that resulted in Monk Apollo going off the air was resolved. Now it has been reported, (Denny was saying), the problem has not been resolved and Apollo continues to be inactive on the air.

UA0, WRANGEL ISLANDS. Andy, UA0KG, who is active from Wrangel Island is stating they are a "new country", which counts toward the R-150 Award. This award is the Russian equivalent of the ARRL DXCC Award.

VC8DR, BAFFIN ISLAND. Wasiliy, RW3DR, is now active as VC8DR. Baffin Island has an IOTA of NA-047. Wasiliy has been heard on 28464 kHz around 1630z, 14242 kHz around 0600z and on 30 meters around 0515z and as late as 2130z. He is part of a VE/UA Arctic expedition. Wasiliy's QSL Manager, Tom, DL8AAM, states he has not received logs yet and will be traveling to

ZL/3D/KH6 from mid-February to mid-April for university studies. So please be patient for the cards.

VI2RC, SPECIAL EVENT STATION. The municipality of Ryde (a suburb of Sydney, Australia) was proclaimed a city at the end of 1991. Ryde celebrates its bicentennial with special event station VI2RC in the year of 1992. They will be active from 160m to 70cm at all hours of the day. Last activity heard by the Ohio/Penn group was February 11th on 28540 kHz around 0120z. QSL via the Bureau or direct to VK2DEJ (please include return postage).

VK9C, COCOS KEELING ISLANDS. Two French opertors will be active from here March 17th thru April 6th. F1NYQ will sign VK9CL and F6IMS will use VK9CK. Activity will be on all bands, including the WARC bands, CW SSB, RTTY and satellite operations. QSL via F6IMS.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND. Bob (W5KNE/VK9XN) and Lanny (W5BOS/VK9XM) are now active from Christmas Island. There was a mistake in last week's bulletin stating operation would end February 15th, it should have been the 24th of February. QSL via their home call or the W5 Bureau.

VU7, ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS. Mike, NQ8S, had a conversation with VU2EMJ and was told a group of amateurs are planning a trip to VU7 Andaman/Nicobar. VU2EMJ would not elaborate on callsigns or details.

XX, MACAO. A Japanese net controller has been showing up on 28380 around 2200-2330z with Albert, XX9AS. QSL via N6LVY.

24 MHZ DX NET. Nick, RT5UN, runs an interesting DX net on 24945 kHz between 1500 to 1800z. He has been running 3C1EA between 1600 to 1700z every day for those who need it. The 3C station has been noted to give CW contacts on the spot.

QSL CARDS UPDATE. QSL cards from the following operations are showing up in the mail: 4J1FS, FR5ZU/G, PY0SK, VP8CGK and YA0RR. Bob, WB2CVL, who went to Moscow to pick up XY0RR cards (from his telephone list), should be back stateside this weekend. These cards should be out in a week or two.

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